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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dept. of Justice

Re: memo to SSC let

10/13/75, containing

requests for materials re

Martin Luther King, Jr. Encld for ur approval &

forwarding to the SSC is an orig of a memo in

response to all items requested in the SSC let

of 10/13/75. Also enclosed for ur records is a

copy of the memo which is being delivered to u

with a set of the materials which are being

delivered to the SSC.

U. S. SENATE SELECT
COMMITTEE ON
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SSC LETTER 10-15-75
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1 - Mr. Reddy

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100-106670

To: SAC, Atlanta (100-5713) (100-5026)

From: Director, FBI (100-438724) (100-106670)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C
(COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)

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Reurairtel dated 6/23/66.

Approval not granted at this time to conduct background investigation of Zernona Clayton with view toward possible use of information developed to discredit Martin Luther King, Jr. and/or the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

Should Clayton be dismissed from her position with the SCLC, you may resubmit suggested counterintelligence action.

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NOTE: Zernona Clayton is "office hostess" at SCLC headquarters in Atlanta. She has engaged in promiscuous relations with Martin Luther King, Jr., and has also been reported to be a Lesbian. Other officers of SCLC have recommended terminating Clayton's employment due to the poor financial condition of SCLC. King is opposing such action because of his personal relationship with Clayton, and also because King signed notes for Clayton in connection with her purchase of an expensive residence in Atlanta. Suggestion by Atlanta that discreet background investigation of Clayton be conducted looking toward possible use of information developed to discredit King and/or SCLC, not believed desirable at this time. Should Clayton be dismissed from her job with the SCLC, consideration could be given at that time to possible counterintelligence action.

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6/23/66

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

RE: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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Atlanta file 100-5718
Bufile 100-438794

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C
Atlanta file 100-5586
Bufile 100-106670

(COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)

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On 6/15/66 AT 1387-S advised a meeting was held on 6/13/66 at SCLC headquarters concerned with the financial status of SCLC. This meeting was attended by Reverend KING, several SCLC officers as well as CLARENCE JONES, STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY WACHTEL.

At this meeting the desirability of terminating the services of several SCLC employees was discussed. Among the employees discussed in this regard was ZERNONA CLAYTON (Office Hostess, wife of EDWARD T. CLAYTON, former Director of Public Relations, SCLC). No decision was reached at this meeting so far as terminating ZERNONA CLAYTON's services. During the discussion Reverend KING pointed out he was not anxious to dispense with CLAYTON's services because in the past he had signed certain notes (not specified) for her in

- 4 - Bureau (RM)
 - (3- 100-438794)
 - (1- 100-106670)
- 4 - Atlanta
 - (1- 100-5718)
 - (1- 100-5586)
 - (1- 157-1199) (ZERNONA CLAYTON)
 - (1- 134-389A)

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connection with the purchase of an expensive residence in Atlanta. KING said the CLAYTONs had fallen behind in their payments on these notes and as a consequence, he was currently deducting from ZERNONA CLAYTON's SCLC salary in order to maintain payments on these notes. He said he felt ZERNONA CLAYTON should be taught a lesson so far as her financial irresponsibility was concerned, but because of obvious personal reasons (financial) he was reluctant to remove her from the SCLC payroll.

~~In addition to pointing out KING's promiscuous escapades with CLAYTON, prior correspondence has also indicated his recognition of and concern with CLAYTON as a problem to him and to SCLC.~~

Information from ^{NY Form} AT 1337-S has indicated some SCLC employees consider CLAYTON to be a lesbian. From time to time information from Atlanta's confidential sources has reflected EDWARD T. CLAYTON has accused his wife of having lesbian friends. It is also known that ZERNONA CLAYTON in the past has accompanied CORETTA S. KING, wife of Reverend KING, as a traveling companion. Information from highly confidential sources in the past has also established that CLAYTON, prior to coming to Atlanta, was involved in an embezzlement of funds from the Western Christian Leadership Conference.

It is felt a knowledge of the background of ZERNONA CLAYTON could reveal some facets of information which may conceivably lend themselves to action aimed at discrediting KING and/or SCLC.

It is realized Atlanta pointed out in airtel dated 2/3/66 captioned MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C (COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM), (page 2, paragraph 2), that the reputation of ZERNONA CLAYTON and the alcoholic problem of her husband, EDWARD CLAYTON, precluded use of either individual in a counterintelligence measure. This statement

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referred to personal involvement of the CLAYTONs rather than information concerning either of them.

It is suggested all available information regarding ZERNOMA CLAYTON be reviewed and necessary leads set out to conduct discreet background investigation of her. Information developed can then be evaluated as to its potential for use in discrediting KING and/or SCLC. If such information itself is not suitable it may at a future time be effectively coupled with other information developed.

The Bureau's reaction to the foregoing suggestion is requested.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)

DATE:

4/6/64

FROM :

SAC, ATLANTA (100-6520-D) (P)

SUBJECT:

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS-C.

NEW YORK

[Handwritten signatures and initials]

Re New York letter to the Bureau dated 3/25/64.

Atlanta has given serious consideration previously to monitoring bank accounts of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and Southern Christian Leadership Conference. It has not been done to date because security would be lacking under the circumstances. The only Atlanta accounts of KING and of Southern Christian Leadership Conference are located at the Citizens Trust Company, a Negro owned and operated bank in a Negro section of Atlanta about three blocks from the Headquarters Office of Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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The owner of the bank, L. D. MILTON, is reliable and has a good reputation in the community. He has been contacted in other matters by the Atlanta Office over the past number of years but he is also a long time acquaintance of the KING family.

It is believed that other sources can determine whether BAYARD RUSTIN is actually working for Southern Christian Leadership Conference. At the present time it appears that he is not on their payroll based on information from confidential sources both in Atlanta and in New York. Therefore, Atlanta will make no recommendations at this time for the monitoring of the account of KING or Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

- 4- Bureau (2-100-3-104-34) (RM)
 - (1- 100-3-116) (CP, USA, Negro Question)
 - (1- 100-158790) (Bayard Rustin)
- 2- New York (1- 100-129802) (CP, USA, Counterintelligence Program)
 - (1- 100-46729) (Bayard Rustin)
- 2- Atlanta (1- 100-6520-D)
 - (1- 100-5718) (SCLC)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)

DATE: 3/25/64

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(BAYARD RUSTIN)

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ReBulet 3/19/64 and New York airtels and letterhead memorandums dated 3/13/64 and 3/18/64, captioned "CPUSA, NEGRO QUESTION-COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS; IS-C".

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Referenced New York letterhead memorandum of 3/13/64, reported that indications were that RUSTIN would assume the position of Northern Coordinator of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in the near future. However, referenced letterhead of 3/18/64, reported that indications were that RUSTIN would not assume the position. It appears that RUSTIN is no longer interested but instead, desires a free lance arrangement rather than to work for any specific organization. He went so far as to state to CLEVELAND ROBINSON that he was not interested in working for the SCLC or for anyone.

It was also reported that RUSTIN had encountered opposition to his becoming the Northern Director of the SCLC. CLEVELAND ROBINSON reportedly stated that he would not recommend RUSTIN for "dog catcher" in view of his background and indifference to discipline and control.

- 4 - Bureau (RM)
 - (1 - 100-3-116) (CPUSA NEGRO QUESTION COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS)
 - (1 - 100-158790) (BAYARD RUSTIN)
- 1 - Atlanta (100-129802) (SCLC) (INFO) (RM)
- 3 - New York
 - (1 - 100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (414)

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In the same letterhead the remarks of STANLEY LEVISON were reported to the effect that the New York SCLC does not need anyone other than ADELE KANTER. His statement was made during a discussion of the RUSTIN matter with CLARENCE JONES.

In view of the aforementioned information, the NYO does not believe that RUSTIN is presently associated with the SCLC in any capacity or that he is interested in such. Furthermore, it is not believed that he is now being considered by the SCLC for the position of Northern Coordinator of the SCLC.

In an effort to resolve the issue, the NYO will remain alert to information from NY 3580-S*, NY 3810-S*, NY 4212-S* and NY 4099-S*. These sources furnish information concerning RUSTIN, CLARENCE JONES, STANLEY LEVISON, Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING and the SCLC. In addition, Atlanta is requested to consider the advisability of monitoring the bank accounts of the SCLC to determine if RUSTIN is on the payroll of that organization. ELWURS

The NYO will also remain alert for the possibility of gathering evidence of a public source, indicating RUSTIN'S association with the SCLC, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., STANLEY LEVISON and the individuals affiliated with the Communist Party.

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- 1 - Mr. Forsythe
- 1 - Mr. Floyd
- 1 - Mr. Rosack
- 1 - Mr. Phillips

SAC, New York (100-151543)

March 19, 1964

Director, FBI ~~(100-3-116)~~

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
 NEGRO QUESTION
 COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Reurairtel March 13, 1964, copies to Atlanta, which enclosed a letterhead memorandum (LHM) of same date containing information obtained from NY 4092-S* on March 11, 1964.

ELSVR

Information is reported from discussions had among principal individuals involved in captioned matter concerning the hiring of Bayard Rustin by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) as its Northern Coordinator with headquarters in New York City. Information is also revealed concerning the moving of the duties with the SCLC on the part of Wyatt Walker who is destined to go from Atlanta to New York City to there head up the SCLC office. It appears from the information reported that there may be developing, or at least there is considerable potential for development, certain animosities between Walker and Rustin. A principal "bone of contention" might well be as to who will have authority over whom in the SCLC setup in the North, particularly in New York City.

The situation described in the referenced LHM might well develop to a point where it will be a weak link, potential for Bureau exploitation in neutralizing the influence of Martin Luther King because of the communist connections and associations he has. Receiving offices are instructed to watch this situation very carefully and attempt to develop additional information, commensurate with full security, relative to our continuing investigation, which would indicate some possible counterintelligence move on the part of the Bureau. Keep the Bureau promptly advised of all developments.

Any appropriate observations and/or recommendations from receiving offices are welcomed by the Bureau.

- 2 - Atlanta (100-6520) PRIORITY YELLOW
- 1 - Bufile 100-106670 (King)
- 1 - Bufile 100-158790 (Rustin)

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Date: 3/13/64

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Via AIRTEL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

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DATE 10/29/00 BY SP2/AM/ldj

SUBJECT: CP, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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(OO: NEW YORK)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 7 copies of an LHM dated 3/13/64, and one copy is enclosed for Atlanta.

Source used in the LHM is NY 4092-S*.

Sources used in the characterizations are as follows:

Characterization of
STANLEY LEVISON

NY 694-S*
INFORMANT

Characterization of
CLARENCE JONES

ALBERT BROWN, Chairman of
Columbia Univ., LYL in 1954 CONF 50 205

- (5) - Bureau (Encls. 7) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-438794) (COMINFIL SCLC)
 - (1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
- 1 - Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encl. 1) (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-149194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (41)
- 1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-151548) (414)

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This LHM has been classified "Secret", because it contains information from NY 4092-S*. This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

March 13, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Bureau 100-3-115

Communist Party, United States
of America
Negro Question
Communist Influence in
Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

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ON 10/25/00

On March 11, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Levison stated that he had spoken to Martin (Martin Luther King) in regard to Bayard (Rustin), and he mentioned that a conclusion had been reached. Jones asked Levison if King had told him about Wyatt (Walker, who is Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)), and Levison indicated that he and King had discussed this at great length. In regard to this, Jones mentioned that Walker had informed him that he (Walker) is going to be Director of the New York Office (of the SCLC). Jones also mentioned that Walker is concerned that he could not be director if Rustin is to be the Northern Coordinator (of the SCLC). According to Jones, Walker claimed that this is the reason that the decision to hire Rustin is to be vetoed. Levison also stated that he agreed with King that it is not wise to take Rustin on now with a filibuster (on the Civil Rights Bill in the Senate, apparently in the offing), but he said there is no question that he should be hired after the filibuster. Levison said that he made the point with King that Rustin should be paid at once, inasmuch as it would not be right to have him committed to the job and expect him to fend for himself for a period of perhaps two months. He stated that King agreed with his position. Levison said that he made this point, not only because he felt that it was proper, but also because he "wanted it pinned down."

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Communist Party, United States
of America, Negro Question,
Communist Influence in
Racial Matters

Levison stated that he "violently objected to the Wyatt thing" (Walker's opposition to Rustin), but he mentioned that he could see that Rustin and Walker would be unable to get along. Levison remarked that King is not anxious to have Walker as an enemy and does not want Walker to leave (the SCLC) under circumstances where he would be hostile. According to Levison, King said that "Wyatt and Bayard will be subject to the same committee", and Levison stated that he told King that under those circumstances they could suffer along with Wyatt. Jones remarked that Walker wanted to make it clear that Rustin would be responsible to him (Walker), and this prompted Levison to reply that was not right that both would be responsible to "the committee." Continuing, Levison said if Walker leaves the SCLC, he (Levison) would not hesitate to tell Walker where he stands. Levison also said that he does not agree with King on "the hostile thing," and he added that he is afraid that Walker will stay with the SCLC to its detriment.

Levison stated that King wanted Jones and himself to see Rustin in order to explain the delay and when he can plan to start. Levison mentioned that he feels Rustin has much to do in the next 60 days in the way of preparation with which he can busy himself. Levison advised that Rustin should be paid inasmuch as he will be setting up an office and working out procedures, and he added that none of this has to come to public attention.

Levison told Jones that they would have to talk about some observations of things that exist there (in Atlanta). Jones indicated that he would try to arrange an appointment to see Rustin tomorrow, and Levison replied that would be all right with him.

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Communist Party, United States
of America. Negro Question,
Communist Influence in
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in July, 1963, that as of that time, Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA).

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 26, 1957, that he had identified a photograph of Clarence Jones as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League (LYL).

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March." The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Communist Party, United States
of America, Negro Question
Communist Influence in Racial Matters

The "Daily Worker", issue of
February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1,
contained an article which stated
that Bayard Rustin, Executive
Secretary, War Resisters League,
was one of eight non-communist
observers at the Communist Party
National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East
Coast Communist newspaper which
suspended publication on January 13,
1958.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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- Tavel _____
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- Wick _____
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- Holmes _____
- Candy _____

TO : Mr. Sullivan *AS*

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *OK*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

DATE: 12/10/65

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Ware
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. D.J. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Bates

CONF SOURCE

You were previously advised that we had received second-hand information that a Miss Adele Lovelace, Washington, D.C., had stated that according to her brother, a banker in Nassau, Bahamas, Martin Luther King, Jr., has a numbered account with a balance of over one million dollars where this banker is employed. It was recommended, and the Director approved, that we initiate a discreet investigation to attempt to corroborate this allegation.

Our investigation determined the banker in question is John Harmon Alter, brother-in-law of Miss Lovelace. Alter served as Executive Vice President, Capital Cities Bank, Ltd., in Nassau from 1963 to 1965. He is presently employed by the Small Business Administration, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Alter, on 12/6/65, advised our New Orleans Office that he has no information that King presently has, or at any time in the past, has had a numbered account in any Nassau bank. Alter declared that during his period of employment by the Capital Cities Bank, Ltd., there were no numbered accounts at that bank. Alter stated he had heard some comment in 1964 or early 1965 on the occasion of one of King's visits to the Bahamas that King probably was putting money in a numbered account in a Nassau bank. Alter said he places no credence in that comment and recalls that it was merely a wild conclusion that had been previously drawn by someone whose identity he does not now recall. He considered the comment regarding King as being without substantiation and typical of the many such remarks that one may hear in Nassau concerning any well-known person who may visit the Bahamas.

In view of the possible interest of the General Investigative and Special Investigative Divisions in numbered bank accounts in Nassau, the following information furnished by Alter is being set forth. Alter advised that Frank Shull, Jr., Vice President, Capital Cities Bank, Ltd., Nassau, is a person who would be knowledgeable concerning the identities of people who have numbered bank accounts in Nassau. Shull also would be in a position to acquire information from other sources concerning

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
Re:-- MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
100-106670

IDENTIFY COUNTRY

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the identities of persons having numbered accounts. Alter described Shull as being a loyal United States citizen, approximately 55 years old who had been previously employed by the United States Department of State in connection with the World Bank and had been stationed in Brazil some years ago. Alter emphasized that Shull is a very tactful man who can maintain a confidence and who would be very discreet should he be contacted concerning any matter.

ACTION:

CONF SOURCE IDENTIFY COUNTRY

In view of the fact that Alter *C.S.* is the original source of Miss Lovelace's information regarding an alleged numbered bank account belonging to King, and inasmuch as Alter has advised that he has no information concerning any such account, no further investigation is being conducted to locate a numbered account in Nassau allegedly belonging to King.

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FBI

Date: 12/7/65

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-16800) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 10/27/00 BY SP7AMK/...

Re Bureau airtel, 12/3/65.

On 12/6/65, JOHN HARMON ALTER, presently employed as Manager, Small Business Administration, United States Naval Reserve Training Center, Lake Shore Drive, New Orleans, was contacted by SA's MAURICE A. KELLIHER and WARREN C. DE BRUEYS in accordance with instructions contained in re Bureau airtel.

At the outset of this interview with ALTER, he was informed of the identity of the interviewing Agents and advised that the matter about which the interviewing Agents desired to make inquiry of him was of a very highly confidential nature. Accordingly, ALTER was informed that any information or assistance he could furnish would be held in strict confidence by the Bureau and his identity would be protected. Likewise, he was asked to hold in strict confidence the context of this interview. He readily agreed to the foregoing and indicated he was desirous of cooperating to the fullest extent in assisting the Bureau in any way he could. It was then made known to ALTER that he was being contacted as a result of his past extensive experience in banking circles and, more particularly, in view of his recent affiliation with a Nassau bank.

COUNTRY TO ADVICE
FRIENDLY FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - New Orleans

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Special Agent in Charge

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FRAGILE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE -
NAME OF COUNTRY AND SOURCE

It was pointed out to Mr. ALTER that there had been previous publicity that some Nassau banks have numbered accounts. He was also advised that the Bureau has information that one of the holders of such numbered accounts in Nassau may be MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. It was pointed out to Mr. ALTER that the Bureau is not investigating the legitimate activities of KING in the civil rights field but that the Bureau's interest, rather, pertains to communist attempts to influence the civil rights movement.

In response to inquiry, ALTER specifically stated that he has no information that MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., presently has, or, at any time in the past, has had a numbered account in any Nassau bank. Mr. ALTER advised that he had previously been the Executive Vice President, Capital Cities Bank, Ltd., in Nassau, Bahamas, and can positively state that while he held that position, there were no numbered accounts at that bank. Accordingly, he stated it would not have been possible for KING to have had a numbered account at the Capital Cities Bank, Ltd., in Nassau, at the time ALTER was employed with that bank.

ALTER did mention that he had heard some comment during the early part of 1965 or in 1964 on the occasion of one of the several visits of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., to the Bahamas that KING probably was putting money in a numbered account in a Nassau bank. ALTER, explained, however, that he had placed no credence in that comment as he recalls that it was merely a wild conclusion that had been previously drawn by someone whose identity he does not now recall. ALTER considered the aforementioned comment as being without substantiation and typical of the many such remarks that one may hear in Nassau concerning any well-known person who may visit the Bahamas from time to time.

It was ALTER's opinion that if KING did have a numbered account, it would logically be placed with one of the legitimate banking institutions in Nassau rather than in one of the less reputable banking institutions where it would be risky to place large amounts of money. Among the reputable banking institutions where it would be logical to place a numbered account, ALTER enumerated the following:

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Bank of London and Montreal, and
The Royal Bank of Canada

In view of the statement by the Bureau in re Bureau airtel that the Bureau has been unable to penetrate numbered accounts in Nassau, ALTER was queried concerning the identity of any person who would be knowledgeable concerning numbered accounts, and the identities of the holders of such accounts. ALTER indicated that there would be people who would have information in Nassau concerning the identity of such persons, and he recommended that FRANK SHULL, Jr., Vice President, Capital Cities Bank, Ltd., in Nassau as a person who would be knowledgeable concerning the identities of various people who have numbered accounts in Nassau and, further, as a person who would be in a position to acquire information from other sources concerning the identities of persons having numbered accounts.

Mr. ALTER remarked that FRANK SHULL, Jr., is a loyal United States citizen of approximately 55 or 56 years of age who was previously employed by the U. S. Department of State in connection with the World Bank and had been stationed in Brazil some years ago. Mr. ALTER emphasized the point that SHULL is a very tactful man who can maintain a confidence and who would be very discreet should the Bureau desire to make inquiry of him concerning this matter, and, he added, any other matters in which the Bureau may have an interest.

Mr. ALTER suggested that if the Bureau did decide to make inquiry of Mr. SHULL concerning this or any other pertinent matter, that the Bureau may desire to advise Mr. SHULL that he was being contacted on the recommendation of Mr. ALTER. Mr. ALTER is cognizant of the sensitive nature of such an inquiry as well as its international implications, but persisted in his comment that he felt that SHULL would be a good source for the Bureau should the Bureau have a need to obtain information in any specific instance regarding numbered accounts in Nassau.

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Mr. ALTER advised that he is presently residing at 5700 St. Anthony Street, Apartment 107, New Orleans (telephone number 288-4181); however, he expects to be leaving New Orleans some time in January, 1966, but suggested he could always be located through his sister, Mrs. FRANK B. FISCHER, 5343 32nd N.W., Washington, D. C. Mr. ALTER was thanked for his cooperation in this matter.

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To: SAC, New Orleans (100-10800)

From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

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For your information, the Bureau has received a report that a Washington, D.C., resident, Miss Adele Levelasa, has a brother-in-law who was affiliated with a bank in Nassau, Bahamas. Second-hand information received by the Bureau was to the effect that this banker had told Miss Levelasa that Martin Luther King, Jr. has a numbered account with a balance of over one million dollars where this banker is employed. You are, of course, aware that information concerning numbered accounts is most closely held in banking circles.

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The banker involved has been identified as John Harmon Altus, presently employed by the Small Business Administration in New Orleans. He was hired earlier this year and his current employment is approved through 12/30/65. His last previous employment was as Executive Vice President, Capital Cities Bank, Nassau, Bahamas, 1962-1965. Prior employment record for Altus is as follows: Vice President and Secretary, Chase National Bank, New York City, 1957-1960; Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York City, 1954-1957; Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Washington, D.C., 1951-1954; Assistant Vice President, Chase National Bank, San Francisco, California, 1948-1951 and not identified with Altus. Altus Co. is a wholly owned subsidiary identifiable with Altus.

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For your additional information, the matter of accounts in Nassau banks has received publicity in the press. For example, during the Fall 1964 elections there were published

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See Baumgardner to Sullivan dated 12/2/65, same caption, prepared by SFP:deh.

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allegations that William Haydon Burns, candidate for Governor of Florida, had extensive holdings in a numbered account in a Nassau bank. In addition, Bureau investigations of top hoodlums have indicated the presence of numbered accounts in Nassau banks. To date, however, the Bureau has been unable to penetrate these accounts.

You are instructed to promptly have Alter interviewed by two experienced, mature Agents. His cooperation should be solicited on the basis that the matter of interest to the Bureau relates to the Nation's security. He should be assured that any information he furnishes will be on a strictly confidential basis and that his identity will not be revealed outside the Bureau. It should be pointed out to Alter that he is being contacted because of his recent affiliation with a Nassau bank, coupled with his extensive experience in banking circles. Mention should be made to Alter that there has been prior publicity that some Nassau banks have numbered accounts and that we have information that one of these holders may be Martin Luther King, Jr. It should be made clear to Alter that the Bureau is not investigating the legitimate activities of King in the civil rights field but that the Bureau's interest, rather, pertains to communist attempts to influence the civil rights movement. Under no circumstances should any indication be given to Alter that the Bureau's information concerning King's having a numbered account originated with Alter or his sister-in-law or ALP anyone in Washington, D.C. Also, it should not be indicated to Alter that the Bureau's information is that King's account is with the same bank where Alter had been employed. Effort should then be made to obtain from Alter all possible details concerning any account which King may have in any Nassau bank, including the one with which Alter was associated.

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The Bureau considers this facet of its investigation of King one of the most important presently pending. Much of its success is dependent upon the results of the interview with Alter. This matter should receive the personal supervision of you and the interview with Alter should be meticulously prepared for in advance. Give this matter need-to-know handling in your office. Immediately following the interview, furnish the Bureau details by airtel. It will not be necessary to advise origin concerning this matter.

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TO : Mr. Sullivan *S*

DATE: 12/2/65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *FJ*

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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You will recall that we had received second-hand information that a Miss Adele Lovelace, secretary to the Secretary of the University Club, Washington, D.C., had stated that according to her brother, a banker in Nassau, Bahamas, Martin Luther King, Jr., has a numbered account with a balance of over one million dollars where this banker is employed. It has been previously recommended, and the Director approved, that we initiate a discreet investigation to attempt to corroborate this allegation, after which we could consider further action to discredit King either through counterintelligence channels or by turning the information over to the Internal Revenue Service for possible criminal prosecution.

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We were unable to find any trace of a banker in Nassau named Lovelace but have now developed information identifying the banker as a brother-in-law of Miss Lovelace. His name is John Harmon Alter and he is presently employed by the Small Business Administration in New Orleans, Louisiana, (he was hired earlier this year and current employment is approved through 12/30/65). Last previous employment by Alter was as Executive Vice President, Capital Cities Bank, Ltd. Nassau, 1963-1965. Alter has held a number of responsible positions in banking and Government circles dating back to 1927. Examples: Vice President and Secretary, Chase National Bank, New York City, 1927-1930; Reconstruction Finance Corporation, 1942-1943; International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 1947-1948; military service 1944-1946; and Assistant Vice President, Bank of America, San Francisco, California, 1948-1961. Bufiles contain no adverse information identifiable with Alter.

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We are proposing that Alter be interviewed and on a confidential basis his cooperation be solicited. Our approach to him will be, as an individual with extensive banking experience who has recently been affiliated with a Nassau bank, his help is being sought in a matter relating to the Nation's security. Mention will be made to Alter that there has been publicity in the past in the press that some

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Nassau banks have numbered accounts and that we have information that one of these account holders may be King. If Alter is cooperative (and we have no reason to believe otherwise) and with our assurance of anonymity, we should be able to obtain the information we desire first hand. We believe that at this time a direct approach to Alter is the best course of action open to us as he is no longer affiliated with the Nassau bank, which fact should encourage his cooperation, and because he is the individual who originally made the allegation concerning King.

RECOMMENDATION:

Attached for approval is an airtel to New Orleans containing background information on this matter and instructing that Alter be promptly interviewed by experienced, mature Agents and under discreet circumstances, along the lines indicated above.

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TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 7/14/65

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FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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My memorandum to you (original attached) 6/29/65 recommended, and the Director approved that we discuss with Michael McCaul, MI-5, representative in Washington, D.C., the possibility of his initiating investigation in Nassau, the Bahamas, concerning the allegation that King has a numbered account in a Nassau bank with a balance of over one million dollars.

On 7/13/65, this matter was thoroughly discussed with McCaul by C. D. Brennan, acting for Section Chief F. J. Baumgardner, and Supervisor S. F. Phillips. McCaul was fully briefed as to the allegation; the extreme importance of obtaining factual data which would prove the allegation, if true; the necessity for discretion in view of the sensitive nature of this matter; and the element of urgency which exists. McCaul was also given the names of members of King's immediate family and the name of King's organization (Southern Christian Leadership Conference) because of the possibility of an account being in other than King's own name.

It was obvious from our discussion with McCaul who had been previously briefed concerning King, that McCaul recognizes the importance of this matter. He said that he desired to handle this matter personally as he has two excellent contacts with the Nassau Police. The Head of the Nassau Police is a close personal and official acquaintance of McCaul as is the Head of the Security Unit of the Nassau Police. McCaul is presently scheduled to go to Jamacia, British West Indies, about two weeks from now relative to another matter. He will stop off in Nassau and initiate appropriate investigation looking toward the possible resolution of this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is for your information. We will follow closely with McCaul and keep you advised of pertinent developments.

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

We have just obtained information by chance which, if proven true, will give us a golden opportunity to discredit King because of his communist connections and moral degeneracy.

On 6/27/65 Supervisor Seymour F. Phillips, Domestic Intelligence Division, was engaged in a golf game with Richard Armstrong, Executive Director, Effective Citizens Organization and John Gwin, Special Assistant to the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department. Phillips has known these two individuals only a short period of time; they are aware of his employment in the FBI. Armstrong initiated a conversation about King by observing that a friend of his, Representative James Martin, Republican of Alabama, had told him that he, Martin, had discussed King with the President and that the President is reluctant to expose King's communist connections because of the harm it would do to the civil rights movement. (It will be recalled that there was recent newspaper publicity wherein Martin was critical of the President on the King matter and we furnished details to the White House and Attorney General.)

Gwin of Treasury observed that an acquaintance, a Miss Lovelace who is employed at the University Club, had told him the following which had been related to her by her brother who is a banker in Nassau, Bahamas. According to the banker, King has a numbered account in his bank with a balance of over one million dollars. Gwin said he was surprised to have received this information because he thought it most indiscreet for a bank official to divulge such information, even to a sister, inasmuch as identities of holders of numbered accounts are the most closely-held type of information existing in banking circles. Without showing undue interest, Phillips ascertained that (1) Lovelace is a spinster, hence her brother's name is also Lovelace; (2) banker Lovelace holds the position of Executive Director of the unknown bank; (3) Miss Lovelace holds a responsible secretarial position at the University Club and is considered by Gwin as most reliable.

Information in Bufiles and from Public Sources:
Bufiles have no adverse information identifiable with Armstrong or Gwin. Credit records reveal a Miss Adele Lovelace is secretary to the Secretary of the University Club; employed there

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.
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for over 30 years. In November, 1964, just after the Director spoke out concerning King and other matters, she wrote a complimentary note to the Director with the heading "Hooray for you Mr. Hoover!" She was thanked for her remarks by letter. Nassau Telephone Directory has no listing for any Lovelace. Rand McNally Bankers Directory identifies officials of several Nassau banks but no Lovelace listed. In connection with our investigations under the Criminal Intelligence Program, we have developed information that some Nassau banks do have numbered accounts. We do not have any sources that can give us specific information about such numbered accounts.

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Our investigation of King and related matters has given us some cause to suspect a possible skimming off of funds by King from the vast amounts he collects on behalf of the civil rights movement. This would certainly be consistent with the opportunistic and degenerate nature of King. However, we have never been able to develop any evidence to support such a suspicion. We do know that one of his favorite vacation haunts is Nassau and he has made at least two trips there in the past several months. Nassau is under British control and a special branch of Scotland Yard is based there to service British investigative needs, including those of MI-5. Michael Mc.Caul, MI-5, representative in Washington, D.C., has previously been briefed by us concerning King and would appear to be our best channel for attempting to establish whether or not King does have a large sum of money concealed in a Nassau bank.

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OBSERVATIONS AND PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION:

If we can prove that King is hoarding large sums of money, we would have available possibly the best information to date which could be used to discredit him, especially in the eyes of his own people. Depending on exactly what evidence is developed, we may take the action to discredit King ourselves (through friendly news sources, or the like) or we might turn the information over to the Internal Revenue Service for possible criminal prosecution. This bridge can be crossed when we reach it. For the present, we propose taking this matter up with Mc.Caul of MI-5 with the request that he initiate, on a highly confidential basis, investigation to establish the truth of the allegation. We believe that there is a

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sense of urgency in this matter and should not delay our action because it is entirely likely that other individuals may have been in receipt of this information and inquiries by others, such as an ambitious newspaper man, could well interfere with our designs. There is also the possibility that Armstrong, who also overheard Gwin's remarks and is friendly with Congressman Martin, may tell Martin and thus set into motion inquiries from another direction.

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RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, we will immediately discuss this matter with Mc.Caul and expedite inquiry. You will be kept advised of (S) pertinent developments.

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SAC, New York (100-151548)

February 18, 1964

Director, FBI (100-3-116)

- 1 - Mr. Haack
- 1 - Mr. Forsyth
- 1 - Mr. Ryan
- 1 - Mr. Phillips

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As receiving offices are aware, Martin Luther King has for some time been working on a new book to be published over his signature. Editorial work relative to the book is being done by one Hermine Popper (phonetic) in New York City. There have been numerous references in communications originating with the New York Office in captioned and related matters pertaining to the book. Some mention has also been made in communications from Atlanta.

It is entirely possible that with the publication of the book the Bureau may desire to take some action, possibly in the counterintelligence area or otherwise, which may be designed to discredit King or otherwise neutralize his effectiveness because of the communist influence upon him. At that time it may be necessary to incorporate into a single communication all pertinent references to the book, with particular emphasis upon the communist influence being given, as for example the counsel which Stanley David Levison has already exerted relative to the book.

In order to facilitate the preparation of a communication such as the Bureau has in mind, receiving offices are now instructed to review appropriate files and tabulate references to the forthcoming book. These references should be correlated along with any future ones of the same nature. At a later date the Bureau will issue further instructions as to the preparation of the communication it has in mind.

It is intended that this matter will be handled by the New York Office, with Atlanta assisting by furnishing necessary references to New York for incorporation in the document.

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SAC, New York (100-151548)

6/22/64

Director, FBI (100-3-116)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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ReBulet 2/18/64 which referred to the numerous references which were then developing from Bureau sources concerning the book which Martin Luther King, Jr., was then writing. Receiving offices were instructed to review appropriate files and tabulate references to the book. The references were to be correlated along with any future ones of the same nature.

The Bureau is about to analyze King's new book, "Why We Can't Wait" and in conjunction therewith desires to review all references to the book which were developed during the course of our continuing investigation in captioned matter. Of particular significance are the references to specific advice and counsel given concerning the book, especially its contents, by such individuals as Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones.

In accordance with the foregoing, receiving offices should furnish the Bureau within fifteen days of instant date a detailed compilation of all references to the book developed to date. It is not intended to disseminate these "raw" references; therefore, do not use a letterhead memorandum.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

DATE: 7/6/64

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FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (100-6520)

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Re Bureau letters to New York dated 2/18/64 and 6/22/64.

A review of Atlanta files disclosed the following information concerning the recent book of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

AT 1380-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised 5/4/64 that on that date CAROL HOOPER (Field Secretary of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, Georgia) was furnished a schedule for KING for 6/8/64 by JOAN DAVES, telephone number PL 9-6250, New York City. This schedule was arranged by the publishers of KING's book in New York and was set up to aid in the publicizing of this book which was coming out on that date (6/8/64).

LOCATION	TIME	PURPOSE
Today Show on TV	7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m.	Interview
Mosa Dean (phonetic)	9:45 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Interview (possibly a radio or TV appearance)
Overseas Press Club	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Press Conference
"Harpers will designate"	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Cocktail Party

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AT 1381-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 6/1/64 that KING told his secretary, DORA McDONALD, to contact HARRY WACHTEL and tell him to set up a meeting for 6/7/64 at 8:00 p.m. at the Waldorf - Astoria. KING said they could use BERNARD LEE's room for meeting (LEE is Field Secretary for Southern Christian Leadership Conference). In this same conversation KING told McDONALD to explain to WACHTEL that they must have this meeting on 6/7/64 since KING would be tied up all day on 6/8/64 with "the book". (AT 1381-S* believes that KING was referring to the introduction of his new book on the market in New York City).

AT 1380-S* advised on 6/19/64 that DOROTHY GAINES (an employee in the Headquarters Office of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, Ga.) advised KING's secretary that money received that day for KING's book was \$183.

All other references in Atlanta files which is pertinent to the new book of KING were from the New York Office sources. All pertinent information from these New York sources was set forth in the Atlanta report of SA ROBERT R. NICHOLS dated 5/26/64 entitled "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C" (pages 16-27). A copy of this report was furnished to the New York Office for information. The New York sources furnishing this information were NY 3580-S*, NY 4099-S*, NY 4092-S* and NY 3810-S*. *EL SURS*

New York Office is requested to set forth a summary of the references which came from the New York sources.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

DATE: 7/7/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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ReBulet 6/22/64, regarding preparation of a detailed compilation of references to MARTIN LUTHER KING's book. Hereafter follows requested information.

On September 23, 1963, NY 3580-S* advised that STANLEY LEVISON discussed a book to be written by MARTIN LUTHER KING. LEVISON said he expected the book by KING to be published approximately January 15, 1964, and would deal with KING's experiences in Birmingham, Alabama.

The source said LEVISON was not satisfied with the manner in which CLARENCE JONES had been handling some of the material for the book, and he intended to speak to JONES in that regard.

According to NY 3580-S*, LEVISON had prepared the foreword for the book which would be approximately a page and one half in length.

On October 1, 1963, NY 4099-S* advised that STANLEY LEVISON held a discussion with CLARENCE JONES on that date. The discussion concerned a book being written by MARTIN LUTHER KING.

JONES remarked that KING was very concerned about finishing his book and was particularly concerned about writing an effective chapter concerning Birmingham. JONES said KING was coming to New York on Saturday of that week to make inquiries on the progress of the book.

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- 2-Bureau (100-3-116) (RM)
- 1-Atlanta (100-6520) (Info) (RM)
- 1-New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (42)
- 1-New York (100-151548) (42)

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LEVISON remarked that the chapter following the one on Birmingham was very dull and would need a lot of rewriting. He said that KING discussed his book with persons in Richmond and the impression was that KING's book would be "the book of books" and would be released shortly.

On November 18, 1963, ^{ELSUR} NY 3580-S* advised that on that date, STANLEY LEVISON was requested by a representative of the publisher of KING's book to talk with KING and CLARENCE JONES about the editing of the book. LEVISON agreed to do that, adding that JONES did not have enough contact with KING to determine what KING's real complaints and desires were.

On November 19, 1963, ^{ELSUR} NY 4092-S* advised that CLARENCE JONES contacted STANLEY LEVISON on that date and they discussed MARTIN LUTHER KING's book. JONES said that KING was not satisfied with the editing job which had been done, and JONES suggested that they, LEVISON and JONES, would have to see KING in order to get all of the problems straightened out even if it meant going to Atlanta, Georgia, to do it.

On November 19, 1963, ^{ELSUR} NY 3580-S* advised that KING contacted JONES on that date. JONES advised that he and "our friend" (LEVISON) were planning to go to Atlanta to meet with KING in order to discuss the book. JONES said the "Publisher was getting itchy" and JONES advised they did not want to get into the position where they would have to return the money to the publisher.

On November 20, 1963, ^{ELSUR} NY 3580-S* advised that on that date, STANLEY LEVISON told a representative of the publisher of KING's book that he and JONES had met with KING and that he, LEVISON, had brought up the questions that had been raised about the book. LEVISON said KING raised some objections to the questions presented and that he, LEVISON, would meet with the publisher's representatives the next day where he would cover all that was discussed at the meeting with KING.

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NY 3580-S* advised on December 11, 1963, that STANLEY LEVISON contacted CLARENCE JONES on that date. They discussed MARTIN LUTHER KING's book and during the course of that discussion, LEVISON mentioned that there were several chapters which should be revised and several others which required minor changes.

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On December 13, 1963, NY 4092-S* advised that CLARENCE JONES conferred with MARTIN LUTHER KING on that date. During their conversation, JONES said HERMINE POPPER would edit KING's book and would have it ready by January 13, 1964.

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On December 17, 1963, NY 4092-S* advised that KING contacted JONES on that date. JONES said that HERMINE POPPER did not want to get into the material until she talked with KING. KING explained that she wanted to get "the proper guide lines" from KING. JONES said that after going over the material, she indicated that she had a good idea of what was expected of her but she said she would like to discuss with KING the arrangement of the material. According to JONES, HERMINE felt that it would save her from doing things over if KING could have a discussion with her.

The same source advised on December 17, 1963, that JONES left instructions with his secretary to contact JOAN DAVES, the publisher's representative and HERMINE POPPER, to tell them about the meeting on Friday, December 20, 1963.

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On December 17, 1963, NY 4092-S* advised that JONES and LEVISON conferred on that date about a meeting with KING scheduled for December 20, 1963. It was agreed that LEVISON and JONES would meet at LEVISON's office, to have a discussion before meeting with KING and then proceed from there to the airport. LEVISON mentioned that HERMINE POPPER had all of the material (book) except the material which KING had.

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On December 18, 1963, ^{ELSUR} NY 4092-S* advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING contacted CLARENCE JONES on that date. KING informed JONES that he would be unable to attend the conference regarding the book scheduled for Friday, December 20, 1963. KING suggested that it might be possible for him to make it on Tuesday, December 24, 1963, if the meeting was to take place before Christmas. He stated he could leave Atlanta at 2:20 am on December 24, 1963, and arrive in New York at 4:20 am and by ten in the morning he would be available for the conference. JONES mentioned that he and three mutual friends had a long talk about "that chapter." KING said he read it recently and liked it.

On December 24, 1963, ^{ELSUR} NY 4099-S* advised that ANN JONES, wife of CLARENCE JONES, contacted STANLEY LEVISON on that date, and told him that KING was at the Park Sheraton. She told him that CLARENCE was on his way over to meet with KING and HERMINE POPPER.

^{ELSUR} NY 3810-S* advised on January 3, 1964, that on that date, a representative of the publisher of KING's book told STANLEY LEVISON that the book would be on the stands by the end of April, 1964, with full publication accomplished by the end of May, 1964.

They discussed getting a suitable picture of KING for the cover of the book and the KING picture of the recent issue of "Time" magazine was mentioned. LEVISON said he believed "Time" did a "hatchet job" on KING and that this upset him. The publisher's representative asked LEVISON for ideas on obtaining illustrations for the book and LEVISON suggested WYATT WALKER as such a source.

On January 27, 1964, ^{ELSUR} NY 4092-S* advised that HERMINE POPPER was in contact with STANLEY LEVISON that date. They discussed the book with respect to KING's handling of President JOHNSON and LEVISON commented that KING was hesitant to praise JOHNSON too much because he was not sure of JOHNSON's final position on civil rights.

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POPPER discussed several items which appeared in a letter of KING, written while he was in jail in Birmingham which had not actually occurred at that time. LEVISON stated that KING later edited this letter and inserted the additional material. He advised her to include it but to be very general, for example, in the part about police dogs attacking six unarmed Negro children, she should omit the six and put in the rest.

They also discussed the theme of the book which has to do with the making the Negro movement for economic progress tie in with the President's war on poverty. LEVISON said that CLARENCE JONES told him that he, JONES, and KING discussed this at length at the meeting in North Carolina and they wanted the Negro movement to advocate economic progress, not only for the Negro, but for the poor whites in the South in order to tie in Negro economic progress with the President's war against poverty.

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NY 4099-S* advised on February 1, 1964, that MARTIN LUTHER KING was in contact with CLARENCE JONES on that date. JONES mentioned that he had some cash which he had been holding for KING, and he said the purpose of the money was to pay HERMINE POPPER for editing KING's book. JONES and KING discussed the last chapter of KING's book, and they indicated that that chapter dealt with equating Negro preferential treatment (in employment) with poor white people of the South and the poor all over. KING said he thought the whole book would have to be changed if they included that, but JONES said he and "his friend" (STANLEY LEVISON) had discussed that thoroughly and they felt the book would not have to be changed. JONES mentioned that he was seeking "an intellectual bridge (to be) made between compensatory treatment and treatment which seeks to take into consideration those who have suffered from the effect of slavery and racial discrimination."

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KING stated that he thought it was excellent, but he said that he did not see how he could say through the entire book that Negroes should have preferential treatment and then in the last chapter say this treatment should be extended to all underprivileged and not just the Negro. KING stated this could be an excuse for asking for preferential treatment for Negroes, but that they also know that there are others, other than Negroes, who are also in the same condition or worse than Negroes, and that they are interested in all underprivileged people. JONES mentioned that he believes if they can get their point across effectively enough their idea might even be "picked up by the Administration." JONES stated it would be an historic contribution if the Negro could come up with a program which not only explains and takes into account the deprivations which the Negro has suffered but also takes into account the new objective situation of the fact that thousands of both whites and Negroes are now unemployed and that something must be done because poor white people also suffered from slavery. JONES advised that their main purpose was to link preferential treatment with the struggle against poverty.

KING mentioned the treatment of (President) JOHNSON in the book, and JONES stated "his friend", (STANLEY LEVISON) said HERMINE (POPPER) felt that KING should give his personal views of JOHNSON. JONES stated that this is particularly appropriate since the book will come out on the "threshold of the election."

CL-SUP
NY 4092-S* advised on February 7, 1964, that JOAN DAVES (publisher's representative for KING's book) contacted CLARENCE JONES on that date. She mentioned that KING had called her in regard to the book, and asked her about giving credit to AL DUCKETT in the book. JONES said he was opposed to giving DUCKETT any special credit, and DAVES indicated she was pleased to hear that. *U.S.A.*

CL-SUP
On February 6, 1964, NY 3580-S* advised that on that date, STANLEY LEVISON was in contact with JOAN DAVES

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a representative of the publisher of MARTIN LUTHER KING's book. He told her that he had finished "the material" and that he agreed with DAVES that "she" (probably HERMINE POPPER) did a superb job on "the Birmingham chapter." They discussed that chapter and LEVISON said that was much closer to what MARTIN KING meant to say and that it says it the way MARTIN would say it.

LEVISON also said he had noted a few errors and was going to ask his secretary to type them before he passed them on to JOAN DAVES.

On 2/18/64, ^{ELSUR} NY 4092-S* furnished information that STANLEY LEVISON told JONES that he had spoken to JOAN DAVES, and he said that she was disturbed about the article (which KING was writing) for "The Nation" because it is similar to the last chapter in KING's book. LEVISON told JONES to contact KING's secretary and have her send some copies of the article to him in order that he could go over the article with JOAN DAVES. The same source furnished information that DAVES told JONES on 2/18/64, that KING's new book would be published on 6/1/64. JONES made an appointment to see her on 2/20/64.

On 2/19/64, ^{ELSUR} NY 4092-S* furnished information that STANLEY LEVISON told JONES that he was going to the office of JOAN DAVES to show her the original draft of KING's article which was to appear in "The Nation." LEVISON asked if JONES thought it would be all right to change the article if DAVES thought it should be changed, and JONES replied that he thought it would be all right.

On 2/22/64, ^{ELSUR} NY 4099-S* furnished information that STANLEY LEVISON contacted CLARENCE JONES and LEVISON said that he wished KING would send the manuscript (of KING's book) so that the final drafts on the book could be completed since there is not much time left.

On 2/26/64, ^{ELSUR} NY 4092-S* furnished information that JONES told STANLEY LEVISON that he had spoken to KING. LEVISON told JONES that he should call "The Nation" and tell them that the substitute material is being sent because the use of the original material might cause some problems with KING's publishers over the copyrights of KING's book.

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On 2/26/64, NY 4092-S* furnished information that JONES told KING that JOAN DAVES was concerned about some of the material contained in the article for "The Nation" because she felt the publisher of the book and "Life" (magazine) might feel that the material was not new enough if it appeared in "The Nation" first. JONES remarked that DAVES felt that the article was so good that it should be tied in with the book and also the article in "Life" because they will get "more money and exposure". JONES mentioned that neither he nor his friend (STANLEY LEVISON) had any real thoughts about this, but he said that DAVES was quite persuasive and the more they thought about it the more they felt she had a point. KING stated that the last chapter of the book would be in "Life" and that he did not see any problems because "The Nation" article did not deal with the subject of the last chapter. JONES told him that the problem is that DAVES thought the article for "The Nation" is so good that it should be included in the last chapter of the book. KING instructed JONES to hold up publication of the article.

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On 3/24/64, NY 4092-S* furnished information that JONES told KING that he had discussed KING's tax problems with JOAN DAVES in regard to the royalties which KING will receive from all of his books. At this time, JONES urged KING to set up a trust for his wife and children. KING told JONES to be prepared to discuss all of the possibilities when they meet in Washington, D.C., on 3/26/64.

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On 4/17/64, NY 4092-S* furnished information that CLARENCE JONES was talking to JOAN DAVES about JOSEPH ALSOP's article "Matter of Fact; An Unhappy Secret" which appeared in the "New York Herald Tribune" of 4/15/64, and which was critical of KING. JONES mentioned that KING had asked what effect this would have on the book and JONES stated he told KING that he did not know. ML

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On 5/28/64, NY 4092-S* furnished information that CLARENCE JONES, in conversation with JOAN DAVES the publisher's representative of MARTIN LUTHER KING's book, assured her that KING will not mention anything in his next speech which "will tip off the contents" of KING's forthcoming book. DAVES said that she and JONES should consult on what KING is to say at the press conference on 6/8/64, concerning the book.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: 1-13-64

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

JUNE

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
 NEGRO QUESTION
 COMMUNIST INFLUENCE
 IN RACIAL MATTERS
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This document is prepared in response to your request and is not for dissemination outside your Committee. It is to be disseminated to official proceedings by your Committee and the content may not be disclosed to unauthorized personnel without the express approval of the FBI.

In connection with captioned case, we had a microphone surveillance cover the activities of Martin Luther King, Jr., and some of his associates while they were at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C., 1-5/7-64. The results of this coverage are contained in a letterhead memorandum, a copy of which is attached.

In accordance with the Director's instruction that the Attorney General be given the results of this coverage, it is suggested that Assistant Director Evans personally deliver to the Attorney General the copy of the letterhead memorandum which is attached.

The attached document is classified "~~Top Secret~~" to minimize the likelihood that this material will be read by someone who will leak it to King. However, it is possible despite its classification, the Attorney General himself may reprimand King on the basis of this material. If he does, it is not likely we will develop any more such information through the means employed. It is highly important that we do develop further information of this type in order that we may completely discredit King as the leader of the Negro people.

RECOMMENDATION:

This memorandum be routed to Mr. Evans so that he may furnish the Attorney General, personally, a copy of the letterhead memorandum. It is suggested Mr. Evans deliver this memorandum personally so it won't be passing through the hands of office personnel who might talk about it.

- Enc.
 100-3-116
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
 - 1 - Mr. Evans
 - 1 - Mr. Sullivan
 - 1 - Mr. Bland
 - 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
 - 1 - Mr. Phillips

1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Inasmuch as King is seeking an appointment with President Johnson and as we have previously alerted the President concerning King's communist connections in particular, it may be the Director will want Mr. DeLoach to show a copy of the letterhead memorandum to Mr. Jenkins.

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Mr. Belmont:

The attached (OBSCENE) is a
 summary of activities of Martin Luther
 King and his associates on 1/5-6/64 at
 the Willard Hotel as disclosed by a techni-
 cal source. We do not contemplate
 dissemination of this information at
 this time but will utilize it, together
 with results of additional future
 coverage, in our plan to expose King
 for what he is.

S. B. Donahoe

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MARINA CARTER - D.C.

SUSAN HENDERSON - BIRMINGHAM, Ala

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FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

- MR. TOLSON _____ ()
- MR. BELMONT _____ ()
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- MR. SULLIVAN _____ ()
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- MR. TROTTER _____ ()
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I think recent information about King while at the Willard Hotel showing his (deleted) activities should be made available to A. G.

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May 17, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. Phillips

This Bureau's investigation of the communist influence in racial matters has developed considerable information indicating the influence upon Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, by individuals with subversive backgrounds such as Stanley David Levison, Clarence Jones, Bayard Rustin and others. From time to time, King meets with these individuals and coverage of these meetings by this Bureau results in the obtaining of evidence of the influences upon King as well as information concerning the tactics and plans of King and his organization in the civil rights movement.

On May 12, 1965, information was obtained indicating a meeting of King and his advisors was to take place in New York City on that date. Because of the importance of the meeting and the urgency of the situation, a microphone surveillance was effected May 12, 1965, on King in Suite 1600, Sheraton Atlantic Hotel, 34th Street and Broadway Avenue, New York City. This surveillance involved trespass and was discontinued on May 13, 1965.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 5:15 PM
DATE 5-17-65
BY *[Signature]*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Memorandum from J.S. Sizoo to Mr. Sullivan 5/13/65 reported the telephonic request of the New York Office 5/12/65 for authority to make installation of the microphone surveillance and in view of the urgency of the situation and on New York's assurance of full security, they were instructed to make the installation.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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May 17, 1965

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

June

This Bureau's investigation of the communist influence in racial matters has developed considerable information indicating the influence upon Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, by individuals with subversive backgrounds such as [Stanley David Levison, Clarence Jones, Bayard Rustin] and others. From time to time, King meets with these individuals and coverage of these meetings by this Bureau results in the obtaining of evidence of the influences upon King as well as information concerning the tactics and plans of King and his organization in the civil rights movement.

On May 12, 1965, information was obtained indicating a meeting of King and his advisors was to take place in New York City on that date. Because of the importance of the meeting and the urgency of the situation, a microphone surveillance was effected May 12, 1965, on King in Suite 1690, Sheraton Atlantic Hotel, 34th Street and Broadway Avenue, New York City. This surveillance involved trespass and was discontinued on May 13, 1965.

Respectfully,

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J. Edgar Hoover
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October 19, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. Phillips

This Bureau's investigation of the communist influence in racial matters has developed considerable information indicating the influence upon Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, by individuals with subversive backgrounds such as Stanley David Levison, Harry Wachtel, Bayard Rustin and others. From time to time, King meets with these individuals and coverage of these meetings by this Bureau results in the obtaining of evidence of the influences upon King as well as information concerning the tactics and plans of King and his organization in the civil rights movement. The coverage of these meetings also has developed information concerning King's involvement in the Vietnam situation. These meetings frequently take place in hotel rooms in New York City.

On October 14, 1965, information was obtained that King was to spend the night of October 14, 1965, at the Astor Hotel in New York City. We also had information that King planned to meet with his advisors while in New York City, October 14-15, 1965. Because of the importance of the meeting and the urgency of the situation, a microphone surveillance was effected October 14, 1965, on King in Room 345, Astor Hotel, 44th Street and Broadway Avenue, New York City. This surveillance involved trespass and was discontinued on October 15, 1965.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Memorandum from W.C. Sullivan to Mr. Belmont 10/14/65 reported the telephonic request of the New York Office 10/14/65 for authority to make installation of the microphone surveillance. In view of the urgency of the situation and on New York's assurance of full security, they were instructed to make the installation. New York airtel 10/15/65 reported that this surveillance, NY 5250-S*, was installed in Room 345 and monitored in Room 445. It was discontinued 1 p.m., 10/15/65.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

October 19, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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This Bureau's investigation of the communist influence in racial matters has developed considerable information indicating the influence upon Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, by individuals with subversive backgrounds such as Stanley David Levison, Harry Wachtel, Bayard Rustin and others. From time to time, King meets with these individuals and coverage of these meetings by this Bureau results in the obtaining of evidence of the influences upon King as well as information concerning the tactics and plans of King and his organization in the civil rights movement. The coverage of these meetings also has developed information concerning King's involvement in the Vietnam situation. These meetings frequently take place in hotel rooms in New York City.

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On October 14, 1965, information was obtained that King was to spend the night of October 14, 1965, at the Astor Hotel in New York City. We also had information that King planned to meet with his advisors while in New York City, October 14-15, 1965. Because of the importance of the meeting and the urgency of the situation, a microphone surveillance was effected October 14, 1965, on King in Room 345, Astor Hotel, 44th Street and Broadway Avenue, New York City. This surveillance involved trespass and was discontinued on October 15, 1965.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 1, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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On November 29, 1965, information was obtained that King was to spend the night of November 29, 1965, at the Americana Hotel, 52nd Street and 7th Avenue, New York City. We also had information that King planned to meet with his advisors while in New York City, November 29-30, 1965.

Because of the importance of the meeting and the urgency of the situation, a microphone surveillance was effected November 29, 1965, on King in Rooms 3609-3611, Americana Hotel, New York City. This surveillance involved trespass and was discontinued on November 30, 1965.

Respectfully,

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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. Phillips

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Memorandum from F. J. Baumgardner to Mr. Sullivan 11/29/65 reported the telephonic request of the New York Office 11/29/65 for authority to make installation of the microphone surveillance. In view of the urgency of the situation and on New York's assurance of full security, they were instructed to make the installation. On the afternoon of 11/30/65, the New York Office telephonically advised that this surveillance, NY 5324-S*, was installed in Rooms 3609-3611, 3:45 p.m., 11/29/65 and discontinued 1:30 p.m., 11/30/65. Monitoring was from Room 3509.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

FROM : C. D. Brennan *CB*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick

DATE: December 15, 1966

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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan
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This is to advise you of the microphone and wire tap coverage that we have afforded Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

As you are aware King has been in close association with individuals having Communist Party backgrounds since his rise to prominence in the civil rights field. Among such individuals is his principal advisor Stanley Levison, a long-time secret communist whose membership in the Communist Party, USA, has been established as late as July, 1963. Clarence Jones, another close advisor to King, was a former member and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League, a communist front organization. Bayard Rustin, another of King's close advisors, was a member of the Young Communist League in the early 1940's and is an admitted homosexual.

On October 10, 1963, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy approved technical surveillances on King's current residence or at any further address to which he may move. He also approved the technical surveillance of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference New York City Office or any other address to which it may be moved.

A wire tap was installed on King's residence, 563 Johnson Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, on November 8, 1963, and discontinued on April 30, 1965, when King moved from this address. It was not reinstated on his new residence.

From October 24, 1963, to January 24, 1964, and from July 7, 1964, to July 31, 1964, a wire tap was maintained on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference New York City Office. In addition, on October 21, 1963, Attorney General Kennedy authorized a wire tap on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia, which was maintained from November 8, 1963, to June 21, 1966, when Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach ordered it discontinued since he thought it might be prejudicial to the possible prosecution of Hosea Williams, a Southern Christian Leadership Conference official, under Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicles Statutes.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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In addition to the foregoing we maintained 16 microphones and 4 wire taps of a few days duration at various hotels and one temporary residence. These were installed because of the possibility of a meeting between King and his communist advisors. The 4 wire taps were installed under the original authority given by the Attorney General on 10/10/63 concerning King's residences.

Attorney General Katzenbach was specifically notified of three of these microphone installations. In each of these three instances the Attorney General was advised that a trespass was involved in the installation.

In addition, concerning microphone coverage of King, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy was furnished the pertinent information obtained, perusal of which would indicate that a microphone was the source of this information.

ACTION:

None. For information.

*As per
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Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Mr. Hoover -

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan

DATE: April 18, 1968

FROM : C. D. Brennan

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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This is to advise you of past electronic surveillances that we had installed for the purpose of securing intelligence data concerning the late Martin Luther King, Jr., former President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

King had been in close association with individuals having a Communist Party background during his rise to prominence in the civil rights field. Among such individuals was his principal advisor Stanley Levison, a long-time secret communist whose membership in the Communist Party, USA, has been established as recent as July, 1963. Clarence Jones, another close advisor of King, had been a member of the Communist Party and in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League, a communist front organization. Bayard Rustin, another of King's close advisors, was a member of the Young Communist League in the early 1940's and is an admitted homosexual. In order to determine the subversive influence in racial matters, the following microphone and wiretap coverage was placed in effect, which provided coverage on the activities of King and the SCLC:

<u>Installed</u>	<u>Discontinued</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
11/8/63	4/30/65	Wiretap	563 Johnson Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia
1/5/64	1/8/64	Microphone	Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C.
1/27/64	1/27/64	Microphone	Shroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
2/18/64	2/20/64	Microphone	Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii
2/20/64	2/21/64	Microphone	Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California
2/22/64	2/24/64	Microphone	Hyatt House Motel, Los Angeles, California
3/19/64	3/20/64	Microphone	Statler Hotel, Detroit, Michigan
4/23/64	4/24/64	Microphone	Senator Hotel, Sacramento, California
4/24/64	4/26/64	Wiretap	Hyatt House Motel, Los Angeles, California
7/7/64	7/9/64	Wiretap	Hyatt House Motel, Los Angeles, California

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Memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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<u>Installed</u>	<u>Discontinued</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
7/7/64	7/9/64	Microphone	Hyatt House Motel, Los Angeles, California
8/14/64	9/8/64	Wiretap	125 East 72nd Street, New York, New York
8/22/64	8/27/64	Wiretap	Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey
9/28/64	10/2/64	Microphone	Manger Hotel, Savannah, Georgia
1/8/65	1/11/65	Microphone	Park Sheraton Hotel, New York, New York
1/28/65	1/31/65	Microphone	Americana Hotel, New York, New York
3/29/65	3/31/65	Microphone	Park Sheraton Hotel, New York, New York
5/12/65	5/13/65	Microphone	Sheraton Atlantic Hotel, New York, New York
10/14/65	10/15/65	Microphone	Astor Hotel, New York, New York
10/28/65	10/30/65	Microphone	New York Hilton Hotel, New York, New York
11/29/65	11/30/65	Microphone	Americana Hotel, New York, New York

In addition to the above coverage of King, the following coverage was afforded the SCLC.

<u>Installed</u>	<u>Discontinued</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
10/24/63	1/24/64	Wiretap	New York Office
11/8/63	6/21/66	Wiretap	Atlanta Headquarters
7/13/64	7/31/64	Wiretap	New York Office

All of the above wiretap surveillances were authorized under the signature of the then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy who on 10/10/63 authorized the coverage of King's residence and any other future address to which he may move, and the New York Office of SCLC. He also authorized wiretap coverage of King and the Atlanta headquarters of SCLC on 10/21/63. These authorizations were given during the administration of President John F. Kennedy.

Attorney General Kennedy did not sign any microphone surveillance requests. Microphone surveillances were authorized by Bureau officials acting on general authority relating to the Attorney General.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN *[Signature]*

FROM : MR. G. C. MOORE *[Signature]* JUNE

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- DATE: June 19, 1969
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
- (Attention: Mr. Rozamus)
- 1 - Mr. Glass
- 1 - Mr. Dunn

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Pursuant to your instructions, information is set forth below regarding knowledge by former Attorney General Nicholas de B. Katzenbach of electronic coverage on Martin Luther King, Jr.

Although we have no specific data in our files showing that Katzenbach authorized a telephone surveillance on King himself, there is ample information showing Katzenbach was well aware of our electronic coverage on King and his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated 10/27/65 (initialed by Katzenbach in the upper right hand corner) showing we had a telephone surveillance on King's organization, the SCLC. Also attached is a copy of a memorandum 12/1/65 to the Attorney General regarding electronic coverage on King at the Americana Hotel in New York City. In response to this 12/1/65 memorandum, there is attached a copy of a note from Katzenbach to the Director stating, "Obviously, these are particularly delicate surveillances and we should be very cautious in terms of the non-FBI people who may from time to time necessarily be involved in some aspect of installation."

Copies are attached of nine memoranda to the Attorney General dated 10/20/64, 10/22/64, 11/3/64, 11/6/64, 11/12/64, 11/23/64, 12/17/64, 12/31/64, and 2/23/65. These set forth for Katzenbach's information valuable data developed on King. The data involved was derived from electronic coverage on King and the SCLC.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: October 10, 1963

FROM : C. A. Evans

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

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The Attorney General was contacted at his request this afternoon. He had before him our memorandum of October 7, 1963, requesting authority for technical surveillances on Martin Luther King at his residence at Atlanta and at the office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of which he is president, at New York City.

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The Attorney General said that he recognized the importance of this coverage if substantial information is to be developed concerning the relationship between King and the Communist Party. He said there was no question in his mind as to the coverage in New York City but that he was worried about the security of an installation covering a residence in Atlanta, Georgia. He noted that the last thing we could afford to have would be a discovery of a wire tap on King's residence.

I pointed out to the Attorney General the fact that a residence was involved did not necessarily mean there was any added risk because of the technical nature of the telephone system. He was informed that the Bureau had had years of experience in this field and that we continually reviewed our procedures to insure that every measure possible to secure such installations was taken. It was nevertheless noted that of necessity we had to deal with established contacts in the telephone company to get the necessary leased lines, but once again we had procedures which minimized the risks to the nth degree.

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After this discussion the Attorney General said he felt we should go ahead with the technical coverage on King on a trial basis, and to continue it if productive results were forthcoming. He said he was certain that all Bureau representatives involved would recognize the delicacy of this particular matter and would thus be even more cautious than ever in this assignment. He asked to be kept advised of any pertinent information developed regarding King's communist connections.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Donohue

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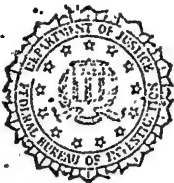
Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Our memorandum requesting authority for this surveillance was signed by the Attorney General and handed to me. It is attached.

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October 7, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER -- COMMUNIST

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL MATTERS

DECLASSIFIED BY *[Signature]*
ON 10/25/50

Martin Luther King, Jr., resides at 563 Johnson Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, and is president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). The New York office of the SCLC is located at 312 West 125th Street, New York City. He is closely associated with Stanley Levison, a concealed member of the Communist Party, USA. Levison has described King as a wholehearted Marxist who has studied Marxism, believes in it, agrees with it, but because of his being a minister of religion does not dare to espouse it publicly. In view of the possible communist influence in the racial situation, it is requested that authority be granted to place a technical surveillance on King at his current address or at any future address to which he may move.

It is further requested that authority be granted to place a technical surveillance on the SCLC office at the current New York address or to any other address to which it may be moved.

Respectfully,

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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- 1 - Mr. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. Rosack

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

A technical surveillance was instituted on the headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 330 Auburn Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, on November 8, 1963. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference is a racial-type organization headed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This technical surveillance has provided considerable valuable intelligence information concerning communist influence on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference through Martin Luther King, Jr. Some examples include the following:

Information has been furnished relating to contacts between Martin Luther King, Jr. and individuals with communist backgrounds such as Randolph T. Blackwell, Clarence Jones, Harry Wachtel and Hunter Pitts O'Dell. This information indicates the extent of the influence being exerted by these individuals with present and former communist backgrounds on King. Information also included future plans of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and influences of the same individuals on King relating to these plans. Advance information regarding demonstrations was also made available.

Unless you instruct to the contrary, this technical surveillance will be continued for an additional six months.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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BY [Signature]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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This memorandum is classified "~~Secret~~" since it concerns a technical surveillance the unauthorized disclosure of which could result in serious damage to the Bureau's security coverage to the detriment of national security.

This memorandum recommends the continuation of this technical surveillance in accordance with current policy which requires approval by the Attorney General for installation and continuation of all such coverage. This surveillance has been extremely productive and should be continued. This surveillance encompasses a switchboard of this organization covering seven lines, AT 1380-S* through AT 1386-S*.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
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Unless you instruct to the contrary, this technical surveillance will be continued for an additional six months.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JUNE

(IS) 100-442529

October 27, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Rozamus
- April 23, 1966
- 1 - Mr. Easher

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JUNE

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- 1 - Miss Holmes
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- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Simpson
- 1 - Mr. Rozamus

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June 22, 1966

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

My memorandum of April 28, 1966, pointed out that a technical surveillance on the headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 330 Auburn Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, provided valuable intelligence information.

In accordance with your notation on the above memorandum, this technical surveillance was discontinued on June 21, 1966.

Very truly yours,

5:25
 6-22-66
 John Edgar Hoover
 BY [Signature] Director

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NOTE: This memorandum is classified "~~Secret~~" since it concerns a technical surveillance, the unauthorized disclosure of which could result in serious damage to the Bureau's security coverage to the detriment of national security.

This technical surveillance was installed on 11/8/63. Memorandum of 10/27/65 justifying the continuation of the installation was returned by the Attorney General indicating approval. Memorandum dated 4/28/66, recommending continuance of this technical surveillance was returned with a notation by the Attorney General dated 6/20/66, "I think this coverage should be discontinued, particularly in light of possible charges of a criminal nature against Hosea Williams and possibly others."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

- MR. TOLSON _____ ()
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- MR. CASPER _____ ()
- MR. CALLAHAN _____ ()
- MR. CONRAD _____ ()
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- MR. TAVEL _____ ()
- MR. TROTTER _____ ()
- MISS HOLMES _____ ()
- MISS GANDY _____ ()

I think recent information about King while at Willard Hotel showing his (deleted) activities should be made available to A. G.

- SEE ME _____ ()
- NOTE AND RETURN _____ ()
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- SEND MEMO TO ATTORNEY GENERAL _____ ()
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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 11/28/66

FROM : J. J. Casper *JJC*

SUBJECT: JOSEPH L. WOODS
SHERIFF-ELECT
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR
11/28/66, 10:00 A.M.

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DATE 10/29/00 BY SP2AM/ely j *JJC*

This morning at 10:00 a.m., I introduced Sheriff-elect Joseph L. Woods to the Director. Sheriff Woods is a former Special Agent of the FBI and was only recently elected to the position of Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois. The Director congratulated Sheriff Woods on his election and told him that he was glad that a man of his caliber had been elected to this important law enforcement position. Sheriff Woods assured the Director of full and complete cooperation in all matters and stated he was looking forward to cooperating and working closely with the Chicago Office of the FBI.

The Director explained that the FBI was able to work with most police departments across the country. He outlined the difficulties we had with former Chief of Police Parker (deceased) in Los Angeles and indicated we are successful in working with his successor, Thad Brown, and hoped that if a proper selection is made for the permanent Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department we could also take National Academy applicants from that agency. The Director stated we just could not work with O. W. Wilson because we have not had pleasant relations with him for many years. He said that because of Wilson's weakness for drink he does not understand how he can maintain discipline among his own men and run an efficient police agency. The Director said it has been necessary for us to work through the State Attorney's Office and the Illinois State Highway Police. He pointed out in some instances we are able to work with some selected police officers in the Chicago Police Department on a limited basis, such as Lieutenant Nash who recently committed suicide. Sheriff Woods explained that Nash had called him just two days before he died and asked him for a job. He said he thought Nash had cancer and that is probably the reason for his suicide. The Director explained our relations with Richard B. Ogilvie, former Sheriff of Cook County, and his former associate Dick Cain, who was subsequently prosecuted for perjury. The Director said the FBI ought to be able to work with the top man in order that a mutual trust could be established and he was very delighted to see that Woods was elected because he felt now our SAC in Chicago could deal with him in complete frankness.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
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Sheriff-Elect
Cook County, Illinois
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~~The Director also explained how we have been able to work with some local agencies by furnishing them information, having Agents file affidavits upon which warrants could be issued, and then subsequently having the Agents testify to assist local authorities in combatting organized crime. Mr. Hoover also pointed out how in Cook County the pinball machine racket is under the influence of hoodlums with the payoffs going to members of the La Cosa Nostra.~~

~~The Director told Sheriff Woods of his trip to Mississippi and of the establishment of his fine relations with the Governor of Mississippi in the handling of racial matters. He also discussed our difficulties with Governor Orville Faubus of Arkansas and indicated he felt that Arkansas, under the leadership of Winthrop Rockefeller, would have better law enforcement and we would have less difficulties in the civil rights field. He also explained the difficulties we have encountered with Governor Wallace of Alabama and indicated that probably Wallace would run for the Presidency in 1968, thereby splitting the Democratic vote. Concerning the California election, the Director pointed out how Ronald Reagan, the actor, had swept the election because of the fact that Governor Brown had been playing politics with everything, including playing footsie with the beatniks at the University of California.~~

~~Mr. Hoover told Sheriff Woods that the Chief of Police at San Francisco, San Diego, and the Sheriff of Los Angeles County were excellent police executives and men with whom we could work. Mr. Hoover said that we just cannot do the job unless we can trust the men with whom we must work.~~

~~Mr. Hoover then reviewed the difficulties we have had with Sam Giancana, Commission member of Chicago, and the eventual jailing of Giancana for his failure to testify before a Federal District Grand Jury after being offered immunity. He said that Giancana has now taken refuge down in Mexico.~~

~~The Director also explained to Sheriff Woods the ties between the hoodlums in Chicago and Las Vegas; he also told Sheriff Woods of the skimming operations wherein the hoodlums take hundreds of thousands of dollars off the top of their take before it is counted for Federal and State Tax purposes, and how this money is divided up among members of the Commission and the hoodlum element around the country, in such places as Miami, New York and New Jersey. Mr. Hoover also explained the~~

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numbered bank accounts had by some of these hoodlums in Switzerland. He also told of some of the hoodlums investing their money in Israel and in the Bahamas.

The Director then told Sheriff Woods of some of his experiences with the gamblers in Florida, as well as the failure of the Governor of Florida in years past to take any positive action against gambling which he knew was going on. The Director told Sheriff Woods of the corruption in Dade County, Florida, and the recent election which removed the Sheriff's Office from that of an elective position and made it an appointive one. He said that in general, however, in Florida there had been a mark of improvement in law enforcement, including Miami itself.

Mr. Hoover emphasized the need for law enforcement being vocal in their leadership and control of training programs that occur in their states. As an example of what can happen if training does not remain under the control of local law enforcement, he cited the incident at the University of Maryland where a nitwit professor, without seeking the advice of an advisory council made up of responsible police officials, invited to appear before a police seminar Bayard Rustin, who was a convicted violator of the Selective Service Act, a sodomite, and an affiliate of the Communist Party. The Director told Sheriff Woods how he would not let the Bureau, who had agreed to participate in this program, be a part of same and canceled out our participation. Mr. Hoover explained that Senator Brewster from Maryland and former Congressman Sickles got in the act but that the Director, in stinging letters, set the record straight and told these men we would not participate in such a program.

Concerning the Law Enforcement Assistance Act, Mr. Hoover explained this Act has had bad administration by its Acting Director and that it lacked advisory assistance from the local states. He said that there should be an advisory council made up of responsible police officials in each state that can assist and give guidance regarding the monies expended under this Act.

The Director then told Sheriff Woods the plans for the new FBI National Academy wherein we would be training 1,200 men a year instead of 200 men a year. He stated he hoped we would have a thousand of these men from the states and 200 men from abroad. He pointed out how the National Academy men had been of great assistance to the FBI and Secret Service on the recent trip to the Orient by the President. He said

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that we are working on a program to have the National Association of Manufacturers underwrite the living expenses of the men that attend the National Academy. He said the new Academy will be the last word in training facilities and will be the finest Academy of its type in the world.

The Director told Sheriff Woods that he felt the Illinois State Highway Police was under competent leadership by Bill Morris, who is currently the President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Here again the Director said he felt this organization should be run by the members and not by the Headquarters Staff. He said the organization has been letting the Executive Director, Quinn Tamm, run wild and he hopes that Morris will put the damper on Tamm and stop Tamm's empire building. Sheriff Woods told the Director he intended to appoint as his Undersheriff a former Bureau Agent, Clarence B. Carey, and that he was releasing his Chief of Police, Art Bilek, who he understood was going to go to work as a teacher for the Southern Police Institute. He said that Bilek was a theorist and he was going to hire a National Academy man as his Chief of Police. Sheriff Woods said he was considering a National Academy man by the name of John Kistner, a graduate of the 59th Session of the National Academy (March - June, 1956), currently a Captain on the Chicago Police Department. The Director said he was glad to hear he was considering appointing a National Academy man as the Chief of Police because we have established a rapport with these men and can work with them. He commented how only a very few of these men have fallen by the wayside. He said that we are continually getting requests from the training officer of the Chicago Police Department to accept National Academy applicants from the Chicago Police Department. The Director said that while we do not receive these requests from O. W. Wilson they keep the pressure on through the training officer.

Mr. Hoover explained the operation and development of the National Crime Information Center but said that with all of these sophisticated systems we still need the skilled investigator to develop the facts which could be used in court to bring these hoodlums to justice. Mr. Hoover instructed me to have Gale talk to SAC Johnson by phone and instruct that we establish the same liaison with Sheriff-elect Woods when he takes office as we have with the Illinois State Highway Police and the State Attorney's Office. He also instructed that SAC Johnson be advised that we will remove all training restrictions against the Cook County Sheriff's Office when

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Woods takes office and that we will accept National Academy applicants from that Department. Sheriff Woods indicated they would be in need of some local training and the Director instructed me to see that SAC Johnson was informed that any training needed by the Cook County Sheriff's Office be provided. The Director recommended a good administrative school since it is important in these days that law enforcement is faced with so many problems that the administrator be educated in good business techniques and management procedures as it relates to the law enforcement profession.

The Director reviewed with Sheriff Woods his relations with Martin Luther King and his stand on police review boards. He also spoke of his close relationship with former Vice President Nixon and asked Sheriff Woods to be remembered to his sister, who is the former Executive Secretary to Mr. Nixon. Mr. Hoover also spoke of his relationship with the President in the appointment of Chief of Police Layton of the District of Columbia and of the current President's Commission on Crime. He described the latter as being brain trusted by a Harvard graduate who had no realization of the harsh realities of law enforcement problems. He said he doubted this Commission would come up with a unanimous report but rather two separate reports which is not what the President wants.

Sheriff Woods thanked the Director for giving him so much of his time and assured the Director of his full and complete cooperation. He asked the Director if the Director would mind if he was questioned about his trip to Washington if he were to say that he made an official visit to see Mr. Hoover and paid his respects. Sheriff Woods said he would not go into what was discussed at the meeting. The Director said this would be satisfactory. Thereafter a color photograph was taken at the Director's suggestion of Sheriff Woods and the Director. The photograph is being handled separately by the Crime Records Division.

After the meeting Sheriff Woods commented to me how wonderful he thought the Director looked, how vigorous he was and inspirational. He assured me of full and complete cooperation of the Cook County Sheriff's Office in all matters of mutual interest.

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Immediately following the meeting I asked Mr. Gale to phone SAC Johnson to carry out the Director's instructions and told him that when he was finished talking to Mr. Johnson to let me talk to him relative to training. Mr. Gale so informed SAC Johnson and I subsequently told him the Director had removed all training restrictions on the Cook County Sheriff's Office, including the acceptance of National Academy applicants and the furnishing of field police training, when Sheriff-elect Woods takes office. I told SAC Johnson the Director had suggested the possibility of an administrative school for the Cook County Sheriff's Office and Mr. Johnson said he would promptly get together with Sheriff Woods to work out the details. I told SAC Johnson that the Director had assured Sheriff Woods full cooperation in all matters of mutual interest and a photograph was taken of the Director and Sheriff Woods.

ACTION:

Submitted for information.

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Sullivan	✓
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Holmes	✓
Gandy	✓

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 11/20/64

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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SUBJECT: FORMER SAC FRED H. MC INTIRE
INTERVIEW RE "NEWSWEEK" ARTICLE

SAC Brown of Detroit called this afternoon and reported that he had just had a call from former SAC Fred McIntire. McIntire said that Hugh McCann, reporter for "Newsweek" magazine, had just finished interviewing him. McCann told McIntire that "Newsweek" was doing a cover story on the Director and among other things he was asked what kind of a person Mr. Hoover was, how did he function as an administrator and what type of cases does the Bureau do an outstanding job in and in what cases does the Bureau not do an outstanding job. McCann also asked McIntire if he had heard if George Edwards was a rumored successor to the Director.

Former SAC McIntire said he told McCann that Mr. Hoover was the greatest administrator he had ever known, that he ran a tight organization and that the Bureau does an outstanding job in each and every type of case. McIntire said that he had an impression McCann was attempting to bait him somewhat but that basically the interview was cordial.

McIntire also mentioned that he learned from McCann that he was going to interview Bugas, George Edwards, the police commissioner in Detroit, among others. McIntire suggested to McCann that he might want to talk to Harry O'Conner regarding the Director.

1 - M. A. Jones

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COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

*I think about Brown's
last article is
in Detroit.*

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: December 1, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: BEN BRADLEE
BUREAU CHIEF
"NEWSWEEK" MAGAZINE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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DATE 10/25/00 BY SP2/ML/ELJ

The Director approved my memo of Saturday, 11/21/64, that I confidentially advise Ben Bradlee, Bureau Chief, "Newsweek" Magazine, Washington, D. C., that we could not honor his request to bring his New York writer, Dwight Martin, in to see the Director on Monday morning, 11/23/64. Referenced memo set forth considerable derogatory information concerning Martin's wife, who, according to State Department, ONI and Army information, associated considerably with Chinese communists and participated in running a Chinese brothel. It was recommended and approved that I advise Bradlee, upon his visit to FBI Headquarters, of this information on a strictly off-the-record basis.

TO PROTECT THIRD AGENCY IDENTITIES AND INFORMATION WHICH DOES NOT PERTAIN TO KING BUT TO MARTIN'S WIFE

Bradlee was advised of the above information upon his visit to FBI Headquarters 11/23/64; he stated he would keep this strictly off-the-record and that we could trust him implicitly in this regard.

Bill Moyers, while I was at the White House today, advised that word had gotten to the President this afternoon that Bradlee was telling all over town that the FBI had given him considerable information concerning the wife of a "Newsweek" writer. Bradlee was also telling around Washington that the FBI had told him that Martin Luther King was a sexual degenerate. Bradlee, according to Moyers, had stated to several people that, "If the FBI will do this to Dwight Martin and Martin Luther King, they will undoubtedly do it to anyone for personal reasons."

Moyers stated the President wanted to get this word to us so we would know not to trust Bradlee. Moyers also stated that the President felt that Bradlee lacked integrity and was certainly no lover of the Johnson Administration or the FBI. I told Moyers this was certainly obvious.

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The foregoing facts certainly indicate on a positive basis the lack of truthfulness and integrity in the "Newsweek" bunch.

ACTION: For record purposes.

1 - Mr. Jones

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: December 4, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: NEWSWEEK ARTICLE
DECEMBER 7, 1964
CRITICISM OF THE DIRECTOR
WILLIAM GRAY - REPORTER

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At 6:00 p.m., 12/3/64, Bill Gray, who is a reporter of Newsweek magazine, with whom we spent some time in the gathering of material for the story, telephoned and talked to Wick. He said Newsweek is focusing in its next issue on the "King-Hoover matter" and will also "correct some of the errors in the Hoover cover story."

He asked if we could inform him what transpired within the meeting between the Director and King, Tuesday, December 1, 1964. He said Newsweek had only King's side of the story. He said this might give an imbalance and would be one-sided. Wick told Gray that this kind of talk, coming from him, was laughable, that Newsweek should not spoil its record for unfairness and we would be no party now or henceforth to their deceitfulness.

ACTION TAKEN:

Wick told Gray we had no comment. Gray asked if I would call him and Wick told him I was out of the city and was in travel status and didn't care to talk to him anyway. Gray said, "So that's the way it is?" Wick said, "That's the way it is!" and hung up.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 7/16/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585) RUC.

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING
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OO: Atlanta

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Re. Mobile letter 6/21/62, to Bureau.

Atlanta's attention is called to paragraph 3, page 1, of referenced letter, a copy of which was furnished Atlanta.

Since Atlanta is OO in captioned case, and is the headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the Bureau and/or Atlanta is requested to advise Mobile whether or not a COMINFIL investigation should be instituted of the SCLC, and the basis for the investigation.

Should a COMINFIL investigation be instituted on the SCLC, the Atlanta office should furnish the Mobile office information reflecting the extent of influence of STANLEY DAVID LEVISON, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, and other individuals possessing a subversive background who influence the activities, policies and leadership of the SCLC.

- 2 - Bureau (100-106670) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (RM)
- 2 - Mobile (100-1472) (RM)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 6/21/62

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (100-1472) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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ReBuLet 6/12/62.

EVELYN HAMM, Corporation Clerk, Office of the Secretary of State, State of Alabama, Montgomery, Ala., advised on 6/15/62, that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is not registered in Alabama as a foreign (out of state) corporation, or as a domestic (Alabama) profit-seeking corporation. Miss HAMM advised that there is no requirement that domestic (Alabama) non-profit corporations register with the Department of State, and that such a corporation may register with any of the 67 Probate Judges in the state and do business anywhere in the state.

Lt. WILLIE B. PAINTER, NA, Alabama Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, advised on 6/19 and 20/62, that his investigations of racial matters type organizations have included investigations of the SCLC. He said that his files pertaining to this group include brochures published by SCLC which name the officers and officials of that group, but he has not had occasion to receive a letterhead or other correspondence of SCLC. He said that the literature he has obtained does not include in any way the names of STANLEY DAVID LEVISON or HUNTER PITTS O'DELL.

In view of the activity of SCLC in Alabama in the past, and the likelihood of further such activity in the future, New York is requested to furnish Mobile any information which reflects that LEVISON, O'DELL, or any other CP persons are influential in SCLC. Mobile has not been furnished with any basis for a Cominfil investigation of SCLC, but if such information has been reported to NY, it is believed that such an investigation should be undertaken.

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1 - Mr. Forsyth
1 - Mr. Kitchens

SAC, New York (100-136585)

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Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Re New York letter 6-4-62 concerning Stanley David
Levison and New York letter 5-29-62 concerning Hunter Pitts
O'dell.

Albany, Atlanta, and Mobile are requested to check
appropriate New York, Georgia, and Alabama State records to
determine if the Southern Christian Leadership Conference
(SCLC) has registered as a charitable organization. If
registered, furnish Bureau pertinent information and two
Photostats of registration forms if they can be discreetly
obtained. The Bureau is particularly desirous of obtaining
public source information indicating that O'dell and Levison
are officers of the SCLC. For information of Albany, O'dell
is a key figure of the New York Office and in charge of the New
York office of the SCLC.

New York, Atlanta, and Mobile are requested to
determine if SCLC stationery lists either O'dell or Levison
as officers in its letterhead. New York is requested to
advise if the door to the SCLC office has O'dell's name
printed thereon and if the telephone and city directories
list him as an officer of the SCLC.

All investigation conducted in this matter must
be handled in a most discreet manner to preclude the possibility
of disclosing the identities of informants or causing embarrass-
ment to the Bureau.

Submit results of investigation in this matter to
reach the Bureau within ten days of the receipt of this letter.

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- 2 - Atlanta (100-5586)
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Letter to New York
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.
100-106670

NOTE ON YELLOW:

King subject of current security investigation.
Levison closely associated with King and is Associate Director
of SCLC. Above investigation being conducted to obtain public
source information concerning Levison's and O'dell's CP
background and their relationship with King.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

Date: 11/21/61

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (C)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau, 9/26/61.

CONF SOURCES
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AT 1371-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, WILLIAM N. NIX, C. ERIC LINCOLN, HORACE M. BOND and WILLIAM W. BENNETT, all sources of information of the Atlanta Office, have no information regarding the SCLC Annual Convention in Nashville, Tenn., held September, 1961.

CONF SOURCES
New York letter to the Bureau, 9/27/61, entitled "CP - USA, SOUTHERN REGION, IS - C" states that NY 694-S* stated on 9/24/61 that GEORGE MEYERS, self-admitted head of the CP - Southern Region, said he has had nothing to do with the MARTIN LUTHER KING organization. *U.S.A.*

Individual Racial Matters where the SCLC may be involved are opened if warranted under separate case captions. There is no information on which to base a Security Matter inquiry or Racial Matters investigation of the SCLC at this time.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 3/6/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

(OO: Atlanta)

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta, dated 2/27/62.

With respect to Bureau instructions set forth in above-referenced letter to the effect that the New York report in above-captioned matter should contain all information originating in New York, it is to be noted that it is possible that some information regarding the subject obtained from New York informants or sources may have been disseminated to Atlanta with no copy having been designated for subject's New York file, 100-136585. Therefore, if such did occur with no copy having been designated for New York file 100-136585, the Atlanta Office should report this information, if pertinent.

The attention of the Atlanta Office is also directed to New York letter to Atlanta, dated 1/5/62, entitled "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; RACIAL MATTERS", and to the enclosure which accompanied this letter. If the enclosure is pertinent, Atlanta is requested to report the information.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 3/8/62

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

(OO: Atlanta)

~~Re~~ Bureau letter to Atlanta, dated 2/27/62, and New York letter to Bureau, dated 3/6/62.

The attention of the Atlanta Office is directed to New York letter to Atlanta, dated 8/1/61, and to Mobile letter to Atlanta, dated 12/5/60, both entitled "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; RACIAL MATTERS." Both of these letters enclosed information pertaining to subject. The Atlanta Office is requested to report this information, if pertinent.

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- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Kitchens
- 1 - Mr. Forsyth

SAC, Atlanta

February 27, 1962

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
 SECURITY MATTER - C
 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: ATLANTA

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ReNYairtel dated 2-12-62.

The referenced airtel set forth information from NY 694-S* which indicates Martin Luther King, Jr., is a "wholehearted Marxist" who has studied Marxism, believes in it, and agrees with it."

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In view of this information, widespread use of the subject's name by communist front groups, his membership in front groups and his constant association with Communist Party (CP) members, New York and Atlanta are instructed to review their files and prepare a report suitable for dissemination which will include all information of a security nature plus complete background data. It is not desired that an open investigation be conducted concerning the subject and any inquiry should be confined to contacts with established sources. It should be borne in mind while preparing this report that the report should contain only information of a subversive nature as opposed to information which relates exclusively to racial matters and the subject's attempts to achieve integration. The New York report should contain all information originating in New York and any information that might not be in the possession of Atlanta. Atlanta should report all other information including that which originated in any other field division except New York.

In order to assist in preparation of this report there are included hereinafter the results of a review of Bureau files pertinent to subversive connections and activities of the subject.

~~NY 19-S~~ ^{NY 19-S} who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on 1-30-60 that a meeting of the Montgomery Club of the CP was held on 12-27-59. Louis H. Beane, honorary member of the CP, made a few remarks at the meeting indicating the sorrow of the Negroes of Montgomery, Alabama, because Reverend Martin Luther King was moving to Atlanta, Georgia.

^{ELSV} On 5-6-60 NY 694-S* who has furnished reliable information in the past advised the CP has assigned outstanding CP members to work full time in connection with a mass meeting to be held in

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Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
100-106670

CP / support of Martin Luther King, Jr., and according to this source the CP leaders considered this meeting to be of the utmost importance and that it was to the Party's advantage to assign outstanding Party members to work with the King group.

^{EX FORMANTS}
~~IA 4138-S, IA 4236-S, IA 4028-S and IA 4125-S~~, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 6-20-60, 6-15-60, 6-13-60 and 6-14-60, respectively, that Reverend Martin Luther King was the recipient of an award presented at the annual installation awards luncheon of the Women for Legislative Action (WLA) Council held 6-11-60 in Los Angeles. King was unable to be present to receive his award which was given to him for the work he was doing in southern United States to abolish segregation. King sent a recorded talk in acceptance of the award.

^{Informant}
IA 3779-S who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on 5-5-61 that the WLA was formed in 1952, claiming to be an independent organization dedicated to nonpartisan participation in legislative and civic activities. However, according to the informant its position in favoring or opposing legislation usually parallels the position of the CP and related groups. The WLA also supports legislation to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA).

An article from "The Worker" dated 5-14-61, page 12, reveals that 17 Negroes and white Southern leaders have initiated a petition to President John F. Kennedy denouncing the HCUA and Senator James Eastland's Senate group as instruments of destroying the forces working for integration in the South. This denunciation was included in a plea to free Carl Braden, Southern integration leader who was convicted of contempt of Congress. One of the initiators of the petition was Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

Atlanta's attention is directed to the report of Special Agent Ernest E. Wall, Jr., dated 8-23-61 at New Orleans entitled "Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, Internal Security - C; Internal Security Act of 1950." In this report it is noted NO T-2 made available on 8-18-61 a copy of a news release from the Carl Braden Clemency Appeal Committee (CBCAC) which was being distributed by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated. The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Atlanta,

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RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, - JR.
100-106670

Georgia, was listed as one of the initial sponsors of the
CBCAC.

This matter should be handled immediately and the
Bureau promptly furnished reports suitable for dissemination.
In the future all subversive information should be reported under
Security Matter - C caption and all information relative to racial
matters should be reported as it has been heretofore under Racial
Matters. While it is realized in many instances these matters will
overlap, every effort should be made to put the information in the
proper place.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The subject is the noted integration leader. Referenced
airtel indicates the subject is a wholehearted Marxist.

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1 - Mr. Rampton

SAC, New York (100-149194)

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet to Atlanta, copies to New York,
7/20/62 and New York letter to the Bureau, copies
to Atlanta, 8/21/62, both in captioned matter.

The Bureau will render a decision con-
cerning the recommendation of the New York Office
contained in reNYlet that a communist infiltration
investigation of the New York Chapter of the
Southern Christian Leadership Conference is
warranted upon receipt of Atlanta reply to
reBulet.

Atlanta is instructed to submit its
reply to reBulet by return mail with copies being
furnished to the New York Office.

2 - Atlanta (100-5718)

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